

Application No. 09/847,170
Response dated May 3, 2005
Reply to Office Action dated February 4, 2005

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. Claims 51-53 remain pending.

The undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for his courtesy extended during the telephone conference to discuss the Office Action. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 52 and 53. As discussed, the Office Action is replete with rejections and objections pertaining to claims 2-51 in view of claims of related issued U.S. Patent No. 6,807,165 and co-pending related U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/846,499; 09/847,169; 09/846,480; 09/846,434; and 09/846,479. However, claims 2-50 were cancelled in the present application and in those applications (except for the issued '165 patent) at the time that these applications were filed. Please see the "Amendments" section on page 2 of the application transmittal form, a copy of which is being provided for the Examiner's convenience.

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Accordingly, since no other rejections are set forth in this Office Action, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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